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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please ADD claim 16.

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A business management support method in which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected via a network with one another, said method comprising:

~~an information collecting step which includes collecting enterprise information from said computer of said service beneficiary;~~

~~a requesting step which includes providing said collected enterprise information to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and~~

~~an information providing step which includes posting results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator, and adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said service intermediary is a bank which has dealings with said service beneficiary.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein depending on predefined follow levels, masking is effected in sequence on:

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enterprise information collected in ~~said information collecting step~~, said collecting enterprise information.

enterprise information provided to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator in ~~said requesting step~~ providing said collected enterprise information, and

the results of consultation on which said computer of said service beneficiary is posted in said posting the results ~~information providing step~~.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein when said follow level is a maximum level, said enterprise information and said results of consultation are completely indicated without masking, and wherein when said follow level is a minimum level, masking is made on attribute information other than requisite items in said enterprise information and said results of consultation, and wherein when said follow level is a level lying between said maximum level and said minimum level, said attribute information is indicated partially or in a simplified manner.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said intellectual service cooperator includes an auditing corporation, a think tank, a securities firm and a capital gain company.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein said further comprising executing a business management support service by said computer of said service provider~~ that includes management diagnosis, support of going public business, support of publicity work for investors and support of various settlements.

11. (Currently Amended) A business management support program to be run by a computer of a service provider which is connected via a network with computers of a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said program comprising:

~~an information collecting step which includes~~ collecting enterprise information from said computer of said service beneficiary;

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~~a requesting step which includes providing said collected enterprise information to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and~~

~~an information providing step which includes posting said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator, and adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable record medium having thereon recorded a business management support program to be run by a computer of a service provider which is connected via a network with computers of a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said program comprising:

~~an information collecting step which includes collecting enterprise information from said computer of said service beneficiary;~~

~~a requesting step which includes providing said collected enterprise information to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and~~

~~an information providing step which includes posting said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator, and adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

13. (Original) A business management support system having a network via which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected with one another, said system comprising:

an information collecting unit which collects enterprise information from said computer of said service beneficiary;

a requesting unit which provides said collected enterprise information to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

an information providing unit which posts said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator,

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said information providing unit adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.

14. (Currently Amended) A business management support method to be effected by a computer of a service beneficiary which is connected via a network with computers of a service provider, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said method comprising:

~~an information providing step which includes providing enterprise information in response to a request from said computer of said service provider; and~~

~~an information accepting step which includes accepting the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator as a result of provision of said enterprise information thereto from said computer of said service provider, said results of consultation being accepted in the form of support information including service intermediary transaction information added to said results of consultation when said results go through said computer of said service intermediary.~~

15. (Original) A business management support system implemented by a computer of a service beneficiary which is connected via a network with computers of a service provider, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said system comprising:

an information providing unit which provides enterprise information in response to a request from said computer of said service provider; and

an information accepting unit which accepts the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator as a result of provision of said enterprise information thereto from said computer of said service provider, said results of consultation being accepted in the form of support information including service intermediary transaction information added to said results of consultation when said results go through said computer of said service intermediary.

16. (New) A system comprising:

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an application service provider (ASP) including an ASP server;

a service beneficiary sending enterprise information to said ASP server;

an intellectual service cooperator including an intellectual service cooperating server, and receiving, in said intellectual service cooperating server, said enterprise information from said ASP server, and providing a consultation in accordance with the received enterprise information; and

a service intermediary including a bank server, and receiving, in said bank server, results of said consultation, and adding service information to the results, to create support information, and providing said support information to said service beneficiary.